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## **2008 FILING SCHEDULE** For County Candidates

PRIMARY ELECTION: JUNE 10, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 4, 2008			
TYPE OF REPORT	FILING DEADLINE (BY 11:59 P.M.)	REPORT PERIOD	
January Semiannual*	January 15, 2008	Beginning of campaign – December 31, 2007	
11-Day Pre-Primary	May 30, 2008	Beginning of campaign – May 27, 2008 for candidates who did not file a semiannual report  January 1, 2008 – May 27, 2008 for candidates who filed a semiannual report	
42-Day Post-Primary	July 22, 2008	May 28, 2008 – July 15, 2008	
42-Day Pre-General	September 23, 2008	July 16, 2008 – September 16, 2008	
11-Day Pre-General	October 24, 2008	September 17, 2008 – October 21, 2008	
42-Day Post-General	December 16, 2008	October 22, 2008 - December 9, 2008	

<sup>\*</sup>Any candidate collecting or spending more than \$500 in 2007 must file a campaign finance report on January 15, 2008 showing all contributions and expenditures (including obligations) through December 31, 2007.

## **24-HOUR REPORTS**

24-Hour Report Period (13 days before the election)	WHAT TO REPORT	WHEN TO FILE THE REPORT
<b>Primary</b> : May 28 – June 9, 2008	Any single <u>contribution</u> of \$1,000 or more.  Any single <u>expenditure</u> of \$1,000 or more.	Within 24 hours, including Saturdays and Sundays, of receiving the contribution or making the expenditure, incurring the obligation, or placing the order.
General: October 22 – November 3, 2008	Orders placed with or obligations made to vendors for goods or services are considered expenditures at the time an order is placed or obligation are made.	

## **FILING PROCEDURES**

Electronically Filed Campaign Finance Reports. Candidates who receive or expect to receive at least \$1,500 for their campaigns must file reports electronically on the Commission's website. Candidates or treasurers must enter the required information and click "File Report" by 11:59 p.m. on the filing deadline. Candidates who lack access to the technology or the technological ability to file reports on the internet may request a waiver by April 15, 2008. The Commission will grant all reasonable requests.

Filing Campaign Finance Reports on Paper. For candidates who are not required to file electronically, each <u>original</u> campaign finance report signed by the candidate and treasurer must be properly filed with the Commission by the filing deadline, except in two circumstances. A properly signed report may be faxed to the Commission office at (207) 287-6775 by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline, provided that the Commission receives the original report within five calendar days. A report mailed to the Commission by certified or registered mail and postmarked <u>at least 2 days</u> before the filing deadline will not be considered late, even if it is received after the deadline.

Commission staff will be available until 5:00 p.m. on filing deadlines to offer assistance to candidates and campaign staff.